~ 11

08/905,046

ABSTRACT

A monoclonal antibody to a consensus peptide of the formula:

VEKNITVTASVDPTIDLIQADGSALPSAVALTYSPA (SEQ ID NO. 1) is described. The monoclonal antibody of the invention binds exclusively to the sequence SAVALTYS (SEQ ID NO. 2) and has use as a diagnostic and for prophylaxis against illness arising from <u>E. coli</u> which produce the CS4-CFA/I family of proteins and for treatment of disease arising therefrom.